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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: review of the global situation of youth

Argentina, Austria, Finland,* Greece,* Italy, Luxembourg,* Portugal,* Romania,* Senegal,* Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:* draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Policies and programmes involving youth

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] and recognizing that the Declaration includes important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

"*Also recalling and reaffirming* the commitments made at the major United Nations conferences and summits held since 1990 and their follow-up processes,

"*Guided* by the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[2] the International Covenants on Human Rights,[3] the International Convention on the Elimination on All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[4] the Convention on the

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] Resolution 55/2, annex.

[2] Resolution 217 A (III).

[3] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[4] Resolution 2106 A (XX).

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Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[5] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[6] and reaffirming the obligation of States to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the General Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[7] on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

"2. *Reaffirms* that the ten priority areas identified in the Programme of Action, namely, education, employment, hunger and poverty, health issues, environment, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, leisure, girls and young women, and youth participation, remain areas of crucial importance;

"3. *Recognizes* the importance of the five emerging issues of concern to young people identified in the report of the Secretary-General, namely, the mixed impact of globalization on young women and men; the use of and access to information and communication technology; the dramatic increase of HIV infections among young people and the impact of the epidemic on their lives; the active involvement of young people in armed conflict, both as victims and as perpetrators; and the increased importance of addressing intergenerational issues in an ageing society;

"4. *Recognizes* the importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation, and the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations, bearing in mind that girls, boys, young women and men have the same rights but different needs and strengths and are active agents for decision-making processes, positive change and development in society;

"5. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, aiming at cross-sectoral youth policies by integrating a youth perspective into all planning and decision-making processes relevant to youth;

"6. *Recommends* that the United Nations system, on the basis of the positive experience of youth participation in the work of the United Nations, including at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the special session of the General Assembly on children, continue to provide opportunities for dialogue between Governments and representatives of youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through forums, open-ended dialogues, meetings and debates;

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[5] Resolution 34/180.

[6] Resolution 44/25, annex.

[7] E/CN.5/2003/4.

"7. *Recommends* that the convening of a future world youth forum be based on an intergovernmental decision emanating from the General Assembly;

"8. *Invites* the General Assembly to consider devoting, at its sixtieth session, in 2005, two plenary meetings to reviewing the situation of youth and achievements made in the implementation of the Programme of Action ten years after its adoption;

"9. *Invites* the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General to provide the Assembly, at its sixtieth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session, with a comprehensive report on the priority areas of youth identified in the Programme of Action, calling upon the experience of the member States, organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the regional commissions, and youth organizations in their multidisciplinary work for and with youth;

"10. *Also invites* the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General, in preparing the report requested in paragraph 9 above, to take into account the five new concerns identified in paragraph 3 above."

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Mexico: draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Reaffirming* the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews, in particular as they pertain to the promotion of the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities on an equal and participatory basis,

"*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which the Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, based on the holistic approach in the work done in the fields of social development, human rights and non-discrimination,

"*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 57/229 of 18 December 2002, by which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its first session and reaffirmed the need to promote and protect the equal and effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by persons with disabilities, aware of the contribution that a

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convention could make in that regard and thus convinced of the need to continue to consider proposals,

"*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/7 of 24 July 2002 on a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

"*Underlining* the important contribution of the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Human Rights to the elaboration of a comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

"*Stressing* the primary responsibility of Governments in the promotion and protection of all human rights of persons with disabilities,

"*Welcoming* the work of national, regional and international meetings of Governments, experts, and non-governmental organizations that contribute to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, including the regional initiatives taken in Africa, America, Asia and Europe prior to the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee,

"*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the fourth quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[2]

"*Deeply concerned* about the disadvantaged and vulnerable situation faced by the six hundred million persons with disabilities in all parts of the world,

"1. *Welcomes* the contributions of the Special Rapporteur on Disability to the process of elaboration of the international convention, and encourages the Special Rapporteur to continue to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, particularly on ways to achieve a comprehensive instrument addressing all human rights of persons with disabilities;

"2. *Also welcomes* the contributions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the process of elaboration of the international convention, and encourages it to continue to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

"3. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to continue to contribute to the process of elaboration of the international convention by, inter alia, providing its views regarding social development of persons with disabilities and proposals for a convention, bearing in mind the experience in the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[3] and the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;[2]

"4. *Invites* relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to continue to contribute to the process of elaboration of

[1] A/58/61-E/2003/5.

[2] See General Assembly resolution 37/52.

[3] General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.

the convention and to make available to the Ad Hoc Committee suggestions and possible elements to be considered as proposals for the convention;

"5. *Encourages* the relevant bodies of the United Nations to continue to promote and support the active participation of civil society, including interested non-governmental organizations, in the process of elaboration of the international convention, and requests the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures, as well as information on supportive measures for the participation in the Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/229 and Assembly decision 56/510 of 23 July 2002;

"6. *Also encourages* member and observer States to ensure the necessary expertise and the participation of international disability organizations in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee by, inter alia, providing adequate financial resources, in accordance with the standard practice of the General Assembly, and by including persons with disabilities in their delegations to the Ad Hoc Committee;

"7. *Invites* Governments, civil society and the private sector to contribute to the voluntary fund established to support the participation of non-governmental organizations and experts from developing countries, in particular from least developed countries;

"8. *Urges* that efforts be made to ensure that accessibility with reasonable accommodation insofar as facilities and documentation is improved for all persons with disabilities, in accordance with General Assembly decision 56/473 of 23 July 2002;

"9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the facilities necessary for the performance of its work, and in that context invites the Secretary-General to reallocate resources to allow the United Nations Programme on Disability to provide support to the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/229."

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: national and international cooperation for social development

Morocco:* draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"National and international cooperation for social development: implementation of the social objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

"*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] of 8 September 2000 and the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,[2]

"*Recalling further* its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s to conduct, during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly, the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda and related initiatives on the basis of the report of the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution 57/2.

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Secretary-General on the independent high-level quality evaluation, as well as on the basis of proposals by the Secretary-General on the modalities of the future engagement of the United Nations with the New Partnership for Africa's Development and its resolution 56/508 of 27 June 2002,

"*Reaffirming* the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 30 September 2002 and its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development",

"*Welcoming* the adoption of the chapter entitled 'Sustainable development for Africa' in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[3]

"*Cognizant* of the link between the priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which the international community committed itself to addressing the special needs of Africa, and of the need to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those set out in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those relating to the realization of the fight for development,

"*Bearing in mind* the reports of the Secretary-General of 20 June 1995[4] and 12 June 2001,[5] respectively, submitted to high-level segments of the Economic and Social Council devoted to the consideration of the development of Africa,

"*Bearing in mind also* that, while the primary responsibility for the development of Africa remains with African countries, the international community has a stake in it and in supporting the efforts of those countries in that regard,

"*Underlining* that international cooperation based on a spirit of partnership and solidarity among all countries contributes to create an enabling environment so as to achieve the goals of social development,

"*Recognizing also* the urgent need to continue to assist African countries in their efforts to diversify their economies,

"1. *Emphasizes* that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development;

"2. *Recognizes* that while social development is primarily the responsibility of Governments, international cooperation and assistance is essential for the full achievement of that goal;

"3. *Reaffirms* the need to strengthen, inter alia, in a spirit of partnership, international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development and implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for

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[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August to 4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[4] E/1995/81.

[5] E/2001/83.

Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world";

"4. *Reaffirms also* the need for effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society for the achievement of social development;

"5. *Welcomes* the New Partnership for Africa's Development as a programme of the African Union that embodies the vision and commitment of all African Governments and peoples for peace and development;

"6. *Stresses* the need for renewed and political will at the national, regional and international levels to invest in people and their well-being to achieve the objectives of social development;

"7. *Emphasizes* that democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, transparent and accountable governance, and administration in all sectors of society, as well as effective participation by civil society, are among the indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

"8. *Emphasizes also* the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development to eradicate poverty in Africa and to place African countries, both individually and collectively, on a path of sustainable growth and development and thus halt the marginalization of Africa in the global process;

"9. *Underlines* the need for effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, in the implementation of and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration[6] and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development[7] and the Further initiatives for social development,[8] and the need for ensuring, in the framework of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, their involvement in the planning, elaboration, implementation and evaluation of social policies at the national, regional and international levels;

"10. *Welcomes* with appreciation actions already under way at the regional level to organize the activities of the United Nations system around thematic clusters covering the priority areas of the Partnership, and in that regard urges the strengthening of that process as a means of enhancing the coordinated response of the United Nations system in support of the Partnership;

"11. *Stresses*, in that context, the vital need for the United Nations to achieve the development objectives and targets of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and in particular emphasizes the pressing issue of the right to development and its mainstreaming in the development activities of the United Nations;

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[6] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[7] Ibid., annex II.

[8] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

"12. *Encourages* the Special Adviser on Africa in implementing his mandate of coordinating and guiding the preparation of reports of the United Nations Secretariat related to Africa, and welcomes the decision to transfer the resources of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries to the Adviser;

"13. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations system to organize support for African countries in accordance with the principles, objectives and priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in the new spirit of partnership;

"14. *Requests* the international financial institutions to ensure that their support for Africa is compatible with the principles, objectives and priorities of the Partnership;

"15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, as part of the review of the further implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, a report on the extent of cooperation and partnerships, particularly the New Partnership for Africa's Development, at the national, regional and international levels, and to continue ensuring close cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat of the African Union concerning the contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

"16. *Urges* the United Nations system, in coordinating its activities at the national, regional and global levels, to foster a coherent response, including through close collaboration with bilateral donors in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in response to the needs of individual countries within the larger framework of the Partnership;

"17. *Welcomes* the decision of the General Assembly to invite the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to its role in respect of system-wide coordination, to consider how to support the objectives of the present resolution;

"18. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in his efforts to harmonize current and bilateral initiatives on Africa, to ensure that the United Nations and its special agencies, programmes and funds work in a coordinated manner;

"19. *Decides* to give specific consideration to including the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in its future priority themes (2004: 'Improving public sector effectiveness'; 2005: 'Review of the further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly'; 2006: 'Review of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)';

"20. *Decides also* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council during consideration of the item on the New Partnership for Africa's Development at their next sessions."

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Paloma Durán (Spain) on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

"*The Economic and Social Council,*

"*Recalling* that the goals and targets in the economic, social and related fields contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, supplemented by the outcomes of their reviews, constitute a comprehensive basis for actions at the national, regional and international levels,

"*Also recalling* General Assembly resolution 57/167 of 18 December 2002 and all previous General Assembly resolutions on ageing and the International Year of Older Persons,

"*Recalling further* the resolutions adopted by the Commission for Social Development on ageing and on the preparation of the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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"*Bearing in mind* that, in its resolution 57/167, the General Assembly invited the Commission to consider modalities for review and appraisal of the follow-up to the Assembly,

"*Also bearing in mind* that the Commission is responsible for follow-up to and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[2] and that it should consider integrating into its work the different dimensions of population ageing as contained in the Plan of Action,

"*Bearing in mind further* the work of the open-ended ad hoc working group of the General Assembly on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, created under resolution 57/270 of 20 December 2002,

"1. *Invites* all actors at all levels, as appropriate, to participate in the implementation of and follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;[2]

"2. *Invites* the United Nations system to consider mainstreaming ageing issues into their work plans;

"3. *Invites* Members States and other stakeholders to mainstream ageing in the design and implementation of their policies and programmes;

"4. *Invites* Governments as well as the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a 'bottom-up' approach to the review and appraisal of the Plan of Action, through, inter alia, sharing of ideas, data collection and best practices;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session information on the implementation of the present resolution."

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[2] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

Benin: draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990, 46/92 of 16 December 1991, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001 and 57/164 of 18 December 2002 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994 and its tenth anniversary in 2004,

"*Recognizing* that the tenth anniversary of the Year constitutes an important opportunity to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of efforts at all levels to carry out specific programmes within the framework of the Year objectives,

"*Recognizing* that 2004 is to be viewed as a target year by which concrete achievements are to be made to identify and elaborate issues of direct concern to families, and that mechanisms have been set up to plan and coordinate activities by the appropriate governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies,

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"*Emphasizing* that equality between women and men and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all family members are essential to family well-being and to society at large, and noting the importance of reconciliation of work and family life and that both parents are responsible for the upbringing and development of their children,

"*Noting* with satisfaction the close collaboration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the family field, as well as its research efforts and preparations for the tenth anniversary of the Year,

"*Appreciating* the active role of the regional commissions in the preparatory process of the tenth anniversary, particularly in facilitating regional cooperation in that regard,

"*Recalling* that one plenary meeting will be devoted at its fifty-ninth session, in 2004, to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the Year, building upon the events to be held on 15 May 2004 on the occasion of the International Day of Families,

"1. *Encourages* Governments to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to integrate a family perspective in the planning process;

"2. *Recalls* its invitation to all States to set the end of 2003 as a target date for finalizing a programme for the observance of the tenth anniversary;

"3. *Recalls* its invitation to Governments who have not already done so to set up national coordinating committees or similar mechanisms, as appropriate, for the anniversary, and invites them, as well as the Governments of countries with existing bodies responsible for preparations and observance, to intensify preparatory measures already under way;

"4. *Recommends* that all relevant actors, including Governments, civil society including relevant non-governmental organizations, and research and academic institutions, contribute to developing strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening the livelihood of families;

"5. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research and academic institutions, to work closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, including by sharing experience and findings, recognizing their valuable role in family policy development at all levels;

"6. *Recalls* its invitation to the Secretary-General to launch the tenth anniversary of the Year in early December 2003;

"7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-ninth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the final preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the Year at all levels."